

The Intelligencer.

MONDAY, L. S. DELAPLAIN & Co. report business looking up in the wholesale dry goods line in the last few days.

The Mountville rolling mill has a loaded debt of \$150,000. It is able these last times to pay expenses, provide interest, and show a small surplus.

Mr. E. W. PAXTON is moving his household goods up to his new home on the Kuhn farm, adjoining Wellsburg. The P. & W. charges \$16 per car for such service.

The prospects are that ore will be somewhat lower this season. The Republic mine—one of the best of the Lake Superior ores—is placing some sales at \$2.50 per ton. Last year it sold at \$7.

The annual contest between the literary societies of Washington College occurred last night. The question for debate was that a Republican form of government is best for France.

The railroad fever is up pretty high at Washington, Pa., and great efforts are making to secure the terminus of the Ohio & Pennsylvania road, and also its extension towards the Ohio river at Wellsburg.

Mr. G. S. McFADDEN, of Mountville, will open his new hotel in a few days. He will probably take charge of the institution in person. The enterprise is a credit to Mountville and ought to be a success.

In discussing the need for more money, Noyes made a remark in his last letter that has a world of meaning in it, if people would only stop to consider it and give it its proper weight. He said that "any man who has the faculty of work, and to whom like at stated and rapid intervals is a necessity, manage to get along without money, is a miser, and as for him who 'likes' it, was a necessity, he wanted either a car load of silver distributed at the corners, or else unlimited municipal banks."

Mr. Nicholas, of Russia, father of the present Emperor of Russia, presented her with a diamond and crown of diamonds, valued at \$50,000, one diamond alone of which weighs nine and one-half carats, and is considered worth \$11,000,000. The cross which she wears in Mary Stuart was presented to her by the present Czar of Russia, and the solitary diamond ring by the Archduke John, of Austria.

Tar Chicago people are looking with alarm on the introduction of the Moffet bill as a means of raising revenue from the multitudinous saloons in that city. The Cincinnati Commercial and Commercial Herald are expressing regret that the liquor law of Ohio is such that they cannot introduce it into those two States. Ohio makes the selling of liquor, to be drunk on or about the premises, an offense, and yet the whole State resounds the clink of whiskey and beer glasses. Drinking goes on but no revenue accrues from it, where, as over in Belmont, wine offenders are occasionally arrested and fined.

There is scarcely a doubt that the reputation of the State is growing in this country. The signs of this feeling in old Virginia were abundant enough during the late session of the legislature. The plan proposed by the legislature to scale the interest on the two-thirds of the debt issued by the State in 1871 as her portion, for the present, a compromise with reputation, but no guarantee that the agitation will not commence for another adjustment at an early day. A Mississippi paper takes the ground that Virginia is foolish for hesitating to repudiate her debt, and we do not doubt, that the same paper (the Jackson Clarion) would take the same ground in regard to the United States debt if the Southern Democracy were in power in the land. We quote its comments on the Virginia debt as follows:

Virginia is a bankrupt State. She has a debt of \$20,000,000 or \$40,000,000, a large portion of which was created by the late war, and has been running on interest during and since that time. Her "honor and dignity" politicians have been insisting upon paying the last farthing, principal and interest, although she has contributed to the destruction of the property rights and the improvement which constituted the only means by which the debt could be paid. Nevertheless, that class of politicians have continued to hold out the delusion that if they only pay the interest, the principal will be paid. The public mind is being deceived, and the members of the legislature cannot draw their pay. All the money is paid in coupons representing the debt, and the bonded debt of the State, the discount on the interest, 30 per cent. The only hope for the State is to realize the situation at once, banish from her councils the narrow-brained "honor and dignity" demagogues, put her officers in the line of practical statesmen, wipe the debt, since the obligation to pay it has ceased, and take a fresh start in the race of life.

This article represents a great deal of public sentiment in the United States today in regard to debt—particularly the debt of counties and cities. It is useless, however, to discuss the debt, since the debt is not the issue, but the issue is the Democracy have for many years done all in their power to educate

the public mind into a fierce hatred of the National debt.

What will be the consequence of a general undermining of the public sense of obligation towards debtors? We do not speak of the crash and calamity that will, as the first result, fall upon tens of thousands of people—great numbers of widows and orphans among the rest—but of the next effect. We will, of course, be plunged into an abyss, as regards business, from which we will not escape for years. A revival of business will not come hand in hand with repudiation. The business pestilence that wasteth at noonday will be the Siamese twin.

In the last Harper's Weekly is a picture of the Wolf and Crane that we read about in Aesop's Fables. The Wolf has a bone in his throat, and in his distress calls on the Crane to extract it, which, as will be remembered, the Crane kindly did, by poking its long back down the Wolf's throat and pulling out the bone. Scene second illustrates the following quotation from the well known fable:

"A Wolf, having a bone stuck in his throat, lived a Crane for a certain sum, to put her head into his throat and draw out the bone. When the Crane had extracted the bone, and demanded the promised payment, the Wolf, grinning and gnashing his teeth, exclaimed: 'Why, you have surely already a sufficient reward in having been permitted to draw out your head in safety from the mouth and jaws of a wolf.'"

This extract Noyes still further illustrates by a placard over the crane and wolf reading thus: "Crane wanted in case wolves get into trouble."

Scene third conveys the moral of the story. It is a picture of two cranes standing over a dying wolf, who has vainly appealed to them for aid. They stretch their long beaks over him, in mockery of his misery, and remark, "Noyes don't."

This means that when this country gets into trouble some day, either foreign or domestic, and wants to borrow money where to extricate herself, the remark of those who have money to lend will be, "Noyes don't."

This is one view of the case. The other is that no money in future can be borrowed in this country by any State, city, county or corporation. The reply will be, as in the other case, "Noyes don't." "You fooled us once but you can't do that twice."

There are compensations, however, for all the ills of life. Even repudiation can produce compensation. The compensation will be this: Having repudiated all debts, and having no longer any power to go in debt afresh, we shall have no taxes to pay except for the expenses of government. We shall issue no city bonds to pay overcharges on the banks, nor any county bonds to build railroads. We must pay as we go, and as we will go slowly when it comes to paying cash down for everything, the bills will not be large.

Letter From Thos. Hornbrook. CAROL, LIA, March 18.

Editors Intelligencer: We have just arrived here and are stopping a few moments on our way up the Ohio on the steamer J. W. Gay, bound for Cincinnati. We are under the command of Captain R. W. Wise and Clerk J. C. Moore, who are gentlemen and attentive officers to their passengers. We are on our way home from Hot Springs, and more lately from Memphis, Tenn. I will just say that we are really well for us, and are doing some of the eating, drinking, sleeping, resting and talking—the last as a matter of course. We hope to arrive at Cincinnati in time to take passage on the steamer Andes, on Friday, for home. Our boat is heavily loaded with Southern staples. The river is high and we take the trees along the Mississippi as showing their leaves quite plainly, and spring is fast coming on, making us think of home and its incidental cares in the country.

Yours in haste, THOMAS HORNBOOK.

FIRE RECORD.

CLEVELAND, March 20.—The Business Manager of the Cleveland non-explosive lamp company places the total loss by fire last evening at \$75,000. T. W. Evans & Co., commission merchants, who occupied a portion of the building had insured the stock which will probably cover the loss.

It has been ascertained that the loss of the Non-explosive Lamp Company on stock by the fire last evening was not so large as at first reported, considering the loss in stock, goods, insurance, will not exceed \$50,000. The company will resume business within two or three weeks.

Failures.

WHEELING, March 20.—The Failure of Wm. H. Morse, President of the Security National Bank has created the questions as to the solvency of the bank. The United States examiner is making investigations.

MONTREAL, March 20.—McMullen & Co., lumber merchants, failed. Liability \$100,000; assets unknown.

John Phelan, a La Chine canal contractor, absconded, leaving a large number of creditors and 250 workmen in arrears.

Amicably Settled.

PAINTON, Mass., March 20.—The propositions made to the whaling schooners Rising Sun and Ellen Ripsh through Secretary Evans by the Spanish government, that they each receive \$5,000 damages for detention, and while whaling in the event of timber being so exported from a territory is should be liable to seizure by the United States authorities wherever found.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER

CONGRESSIONAL.

A Spicy Discussion in the House.

Demagogue Cox Gets a Well-Served Hacking.

O'Neil Hits the Nail on the Head.

Better for the People if Congress Had Not Met.

The Tariff Agitation Keeps Millions of Money Idle.

Wright Threatens a Motion to Lay the Democratic Bantling on the Table.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 20.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported, with amendments, the Senate bill to provide for the detention of the steamer Andes, and the bill to amend the act of March 3, 1877, relating to the detention of the steamer Andes.

Mr. Mitchell introduced a bill for the protection of homestead settlers on public lands. Referred.

It was ordered that the bill be printed, for the use of the Finance Committee, a copy of the bill be sent to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the repeal of the specie resumption act, and the tables submitted by him on the subject.

Mr. Allison introduced a bill to repeal the preemption laws and to provide for the sale of timber on public lands. Referred.

The Senate bill to amend section 2464 of the revised statutes relating to the cultivation of timber on public domain, was discussed briefly and passed; yeas 39, nays 12.

Mr. Windom, Blaine and Withers were appointed a Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on the military appropriation bill.

Mr. Howe submitted the following: Resolved, That the President be requested, if it is not incompatible with the public interest, to inform the Senate whether W. R. Whitaker, who recently presided in the Superior Criminal Court of the parish of Orleans, was formerly employed either in the internal revenue service or as assistant Treasurer at New Orleans. If so, during what period of time. Was he ever employed in either of the capacities a defaulter to the United States, and in what amount and under what circumstances. Whether legal proceedings had been taken against him either civil or criminal, and with what result, whether such proceedings are still pending, or if discontinued when they were discontinued and by whose directions. Ordered that it be printed and laid on the table.

Mr. Howe said that at home and elsewhere he had been accused of not yielding a cordial support to the President's policy, and if it would suit the convenience of the Senate, on Monday next he would like to take up the resolution and submit some remarks by way of excusing himself so far as he was able.

At the expiration of the morning hour consideration was resumed of the Pacific Railroad bill, and Mr. Mitchell spoke in favor of the bill reported by the Committee on Railroads, claiming that it was in the interest of peace. It would terminate the contest, as it recognized the fact that a prolongation of the controversy would result in loss of the country. He quoted at length from judicial decisions as to the power of Congress, and referring to the clause of the bill of the Judiciary Committee declaring what should constitute the net earnings, said it was indefensible in law and opposed to reason. This question was now pending in the courts, and Congress had no right to make any declaration declaring what should constitute the net earnings in advance of any decision. He argued that the government had no sovereignty in the matter. When the government made a contract with the citizens it divested itself of its sovereignty and stood on the same footing as its citizens.

Mr. Thurman said that he did not propose to discuss the bill further now, but at the proper time he would endeavor to show the Senate that the bill of the Committee on Railroads was a new subsidy to these companies, nearly equal to the bond subsidy already granted. He thought it would be better for the government to lose all due from these companies than to give up its right to amend or repeal their charters, as the bill of the Railroad Committee proposed to do.

Mr. Teller took the floor to speak upon the bill, but before he commenced his argument it was agreed that the bill should be laid over until to-morrow, with the understanding that it be unfinalized upon after the expiration of the morning hour.

The Senate resumed consideration of the House bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks and making appropriations for the same; also making appropriations for detaching the Committee on the Public Lands and for bringing into market the public lands in certain States, and for other purposes.

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vides that notices shall be published in one or more newspapers in each State interested, that proposals for mail lettings will be received at a certain date, and all information pertaining thereto can be obtained on application to the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

Mr. Hale offered an amendment providing that no sub-letting of contracts should be permitted, and whenever such sub-letting did occur the contract should be considered as terminated.

Mr. Money, of Mississippi, thought Mr. Hale's amendment was a step in the right direction, and if it went further the department would soon pay its expenses. He instanced the case of a steamboat mail contractor, who testified before the Post-office Committee this morning. This man had received four contracts without bids under advertisement and had subletted every one; his pay from the government on each route being \$45,000, and that which he paid the actual mail carrier being only some \$15,000 and this was a specimen of the way in which the people were robbed in connection with the mail contracts.

After further discussion Mr. Hale's amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Hunter, of Virginia, in the chair, and resumed consideration of the deficiency bill.

Several items for the payment of small amounts due for labor at the New York, Portsmouth and League Island Navy Yards having been reached, Mr. Cox, of New York, inquired where the blame lay for the non-payment of laborers and mechanics at New York.

Mr. Foster, a member of the Appropriations Committee, replied to Mr. Cox, and confessed himself hardly able to answer the question, why these laborers had not been paid before, but the committee proposed to have them paid now. That gentleman (Cox) had proclaimed to the House a few days ago that he, the reader of Congress, in the House, which had passed the bill, (Foster) would, therefore, inform the gentleman's laboring men that he (Cox) was as much as any one to blame for the failure to pay them before. He had not seen the gentleman's delightful countenance in the House, and he was not sure that he would not be able to answer the question, why these laborers had not been paid before, but the committee proposed to have them paid now. That gentleman (Cox) had proclaimed to the House a few days ago that he, the reader of Congress, in the House, which had passed the bill, (Foster) would, therefore, inform the gentleman's laboring men that he (Cox) was as much as any one to blame for the failure to pay them before. He had not seen the gentleman's delightful countenance in the House, and he was not sure that he would not be able to answer the question, why these laborers had not been paid before, but the committee proposed to have them paid now. That gentleman (Cox) had proclaimed to the House a few days ago that he, the reader of Congress, in the House, which had passed the bill, (Foster) would, therefore, inform the gentleman's laboring men that he (Cox) was as much as any one to blame for the failure to pay them before. He had not seen the gentleman's delightful countenance in the House, and he was not sure that he would not be able to answer the question, why these laborers had not been paid before, but the committee proposed to have them paid now. That gentleman (Cox) had proclaimed to the House a few days ago that he, the reader of Congress, in the House, which had passed the bill, (Foster) would, therefore, inform the gentleman's laboring men that